

REMARKS

**Status of Claims**

Claim 9 remains for examination.

**Prior Art Rejection**

The instant amendment to claim 9 recites:

a concentrated fault management section connected to said clock fault detection section and said processor bus for supervising the normality of said processor bus and for continuously signaling, if a fault notification of the interruption of the supply of the clock signal is received from said clock fault detection section, a reset signal to said processor and said circuit section without intervention of said processor bus so that data in a data link layer or an upper layer may not flow from said processor or said circuit section and issuing a notification of occurrence of a fault to a central control section connected to an external console.

The amendment to the sole claim 9 is made to more readily distinguish applicant's invention from the prior art.

The examiner recognizes that Simone fails to disclose:

a clock fault detection section for detecting whether or not supply of a clock signal from an oscillator for supplying the clock signal to said processor is interrupted, and continuously signaling a reset signal to the processor.

Nakamura and Fukada have been cited to supply the missing ingredients of Simone. However, neither Simone, Nakamura nor Fukada taken either singly or in combination disclose or make obvious applicant's invention as recited in amended claim 9. The limitation of "continuously signaling, if a fault notification of the interruption of the supply of the clock signal is received from said clock fault detection section, a reset signal to said processor and said circuit section without intervention of said processor bus" is simply not disclosed in the

prior art references. As such, the PTO has not made out a *prima facie* case of obviousness under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 103.

The discussion of the primary and secondary references as set forth in the prior amendment is hereby incorporated by reference.

**Conclusion**


It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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